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March is a turning-point month, when Winter begins to give way to warmer weather and the first signs of Spring appear in many communities. The year begins in March. The name of the month comes from the name Mars, which in ancient Roman meaning was the name for the God of War.

March, of course, used to be the month of Inauguration Day, and on March 4, for many years, Presidents were inaugurated. However, with the adoption of the 20th Amendment in 1933, inaugurations now occur in January.

The U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., was founded by Act of Congress on March 16, 1802, and St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th, dating from the death of the patron Saint of Ireland on March 17th, 493.

The month is the birthday anniversary of several Presidents of the United States, among them being Grover Cleveland, the only man to serve two separate terms of office as President of the United States. Cleveland was born in Caldwell, New Jersey, on March 18, 1837.

March contains many other interesting historical days. March 19th is the birthday anniversary of William Jennings Bryan, and March 29th that of President John Tyler, the tenth President. March 30th is known as Seward Day in Alaska, the anniversary of the day in 1867, when Russia ceded Alaska to the United States for $7,200,000.

A PRINCE IS BORN

Church bells, cannon and bonfires recently welcomed the birth of a son to Queen Elizabeth II. It was the first time a reigning sovereign had given birth to a child in England since 1857.

The new prince, who will probably be the Duke of York later in life, becomes second in line of succession to the throne — following Charles, Prince of Wales. His sister, Princess Anne, becomes third in line.

Interestingly, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, announced the birth to a group of Palace servants and then immediately telephoned the Prince of Wales who was at school, and then took Princess Anne to see the baby. Bonnie Prince Charlie, as Prince Charles is called, arrived at the Palace the next day to see his brother.

It is always interesting and sometimes touching to view the sentiment and loyalty exhibited by British subjects on an occasion of this kind. As reported from London, taxi drivers and ordinary workmen were as interested in the birth as if it had involved a member of their own family.

It is that mystical feeling of kinship with the Royal Family that so often animates Britain, and which has so often proven a vital tie of unity in times of distress, in evidence all over again.

While the future Duke of York will probably never become King, it should be remembered that a second son became King in recent times — when King George VI succeeded Edward who abdicated in the Thirties. The present Queen Elizabeth, the elder daughter of the late King George, thus became Queen through an unexpected development in the Royal Family. The new prince, therefore, always faces the possibility that he might become King and his training will reflect this possibility.

IKE ON VEEP

President Eisenhower recently threw cold water on a proposed wide-open Republican convention.

The President was cool to the idea that the Republican convention should feature a wide-open fight among candidates for the Vice-Presidential nominee of the Republican party.

President Eisenhower said he believed that the Presidential nominee should have something to say in choosing his running-mate — if they were to work closely together after the election.

The interesting thing about this comment by Mr. Eisenhower, is that it disappoints some Republicans who had been hoping to develop a major and interesting contest for the American public in the selection of the second-spot G.O.P. nominee.

It had been feared that with the virtual certainty for selection as the Republican Presidential nominee of Richard Nixon, there would be only limited interest in the G. O. P. convention at Chicago, if a spirited contest does not develop around the Vice-Presidential nominee.

It is difficult to say what the actual situation will be in Chicago in July. However, it would be safe to predict that Mr. Nixon is to be unopposed for the Presidential nomination, and he is to select his own choice of a running-mate, then the convention will be a very dull affair.

THE STAGGERING DEBT

Seldom, if ever, an individual finds himself with so much legal debt that he can't even keep up interest, he is really in a bad way and if this goes on for long, he is bankrupt.

Interest alone on the current national debt of the United States is 9 BILLION dollars a year.

With that staggering load, what are the chances of ever reducing the debt itself? As a matter of fact, interest rates are being pressured upward, and what we are doing is [illegible]ing to barely keep our nose above water.

[illegible]ting, says an expert, is a matter of taste. Yes, and sometimes, [illegible]

[illegible] everybody thinks of sin in terms of what other people are doing.

[illegible] success, if you are wise, does not depend upon somebody else.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lesson

By Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman

Bible Material: Acts 22-28 [illegible]
Devotional Reading: Psalm 121.

Providence

Lesson for March 6, 1960

"GOD WILL take care of you" is the name of a popular song, and is a popular idea. Some of the bitterest experiences of life come when a person discovers that this sentence does not mean quite, or perhaps at all, what he thought it did. The name given in the church to the truth that God watches over us and all things and all men, is "Providence." In fact all that God does in relation to mankind and to his universe is summed up in two words, Creation and Providence.

Dr. Foreman

But the current lesson from the Bible, part of the story of Paul, may help to untangle the problem about Providence, God's care for his creatures, from some wrong ideas about it.

Will God Keep Me From All Harm?

We sometimes say that God will keep us from all harm, but if we stop to think about it, if we see how God has acted in times past and what the experiences of Christians have been, we shall realize that to say that God will keep me from all harm is saying more than the facts will support.

God will not keep you from dying. He has not kept many of his children from death. Even his only Son Jesus Christ actually died on Calvary. We sometimes think a man is peculiar if he keeps a coffin in his house for future use; but while it may be unusual to do that, it isn't crazy. Unless you die in battle or get vaporized by an H-bomb, or something extraordinary like that, you may as well buy your casket now. What is left of you will need a coffin of some kind. This is true no matter how good you are.

God will probably not keep you from all suffering. Even if you never have an ache or a pain in your body, even if you die at 99 with all your teeth as good as new, even if your friends all outlive you so that you never have to mourn their deaths—if you have a heart at all, if you share the mind of Christ, you will be torn with compassion, as he was, by the thought of the millions without a shepherd. The more Christian you are, the more the sorrows of the world will weigh on you.

From Final Evil

What God will keep you from is what we might call final evil. If we think over the lives of great Christians and saints, we can see what God's Providence meant in their lives. Take Paul as a fair example. There at Jerusalem God did not save him from being half-killed, though he did save him from being killed. He saved him from being scourged, but he did not save him from being a prisoner. There is always a worse something from which God spares us.

And what is the worst? It surely is this: that a man be separated hopelessly and finally from God his Creator and Father. Sorrow and suffering may keep us from seeing God; but no darkness need keep us from knowing that he is there. The Christian may have to walk in the valley of the shadow of death—and what greater darkness is there? There is one greater darkness than this, the black night in which man has lost God forever. But this does not come to the man of faith. Paul more than once thought he was going to die, and finally was killed; but he never lost God.

Is God My Bodyguard?

When the President of the United States goes on a trip, even for a few blocks, he does not worry about his personal safety. The Secret Service men do the worrying for him. As his bodyguard it is their responsibility to see that no harm comes to him. He carries no gun; but he is surrounded by guns on all sides.

Is God my bodyguard? Does he take all responsibility for my personal safety? Can I leave all the worrying to him? We can leave the worrying to him, yes; but we have a personal responsibility too. We can say that God kept Paul from the agony and danger of a Roman scourging; but how? If Paul had not spoken up when he did, and told the officer that he was a Roman citizen, he would have been scourged anyway. God's care of us works best when we act in partnership with him.

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In Fashion Now

The new look in suits seems to be shorter jackets. They are cut off at a point just beyond the waist. If the skirt is full, the jacket ends above the waist.

The new clothes are best described [illegible] or a row of brass buttons than ever before. The new dresses will often have an eye-catching belt under the seam.

The sheath now features a bloused back or a row of brass buttons down the side or back to give it a bit more line. Bloused-back shirtdresses will be popular.

To qualify as new a hat must be big, bulky, and light in weight.

Black is an important color. The little black dresses that marked the chic woman a few years ago will be as necessary a part of the wardrobe for any woman who gets around a good bit.

Taupe will be a favorite neutral. The outstanding red yellow of saffron will be used as trim on many suits and dresses. Green will be used as a neutral and dressed-up with all shades of brown and pick-up with saffron.

The new reds will go by such names as cedar and redwood. The true reds will be seen again used for the little red cocktail dress or the short red coat, so becoming on a drab winter day.

The fur-collared suit, often double breasted in cut, will add a new flavor to the classic suit line.

Children Are Larger!

Today's children are larger than children of 40 to 50 years ago.

Home economists point out that children not only are growing faster, but they reach the adolescent growth spurt earlier. Better diets, improved economic conditions, better disease control, and more emphasis on outdoor recreation are some of the reasons given for the growth spurt.

Physical measurements of children in one state in 1939 and 1951 were compared. In those 12 years the children had become larger on the average. Boys and girls 9 years old were as large as those of 10 in 1939.

Washington Notes

F. C. C. Plans Rule

The Federal Communications Commission proposes to make rules barring television quiz shows and contest programs that are "fixed," but not publicly indicated as such.

It also proposes a rule that would follow existing law prohibiting payola, or undercover payment for advertising on programs, without announcements that the commercials were paid for.

Fund For Probes Weighed

With half the amount already voted, the Senate recently completed action on requests for nearly $3,500,000 for election-year investigations.

Senator Ellender (D.-La.) protested vainly that the annual total has grown to that figure from $140,000 in 1946. He called the burgeoning investigations "spending and useless."

Trade Urged

Small United States industries should be encouraged to compete in foreign markets, says Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Henry Kearns.

Kearns wants the government to supply the necessary leadership to bring thousands of firms into the field of foreign trade in a move to boost the amount of United States goods sold abroad.

Patents Pending

If you have invented something patentable, and if you apply, you may get a patent in 3 years and a half.

Reporting this to a Senate appropriations subcommittee, the Commissioner of Patents, Robert Watson said his office is working "the most prompt service to applicants since the end of World War II" and "our goal is for more prompt service."

Need To Share Aid

The United States is urging other non-Communist countries to accept an increasing share of the burden of raising world living standards.

This point was emphasized recently by President [illegible]

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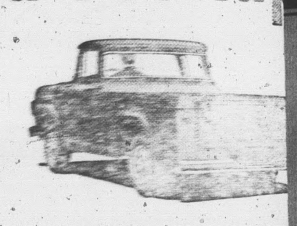

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That Dirty Dog!

Atlanta, Ga.- One of the Atlanta Police Department's new police dogs got his first man. He bit a policeman.

Patrolman Jack Scott said he and his partner answered a call recently and were sitting in their squad car when Patrolman J. F. Harrison drove up in another car with a dog named "Riff."

Harrison and "Riff" went over to the other patrol car. The dog leaped up at the window and bit officer Scott on the hand.

Vacation Tip

Figure out how many clothes you will need and how much money; then take half as many clothes as you figure and twice as much money. —Seagull, Ogden, Utah.

You are getting old when you forget to exercise your body and are afraid to exercise your mind.

Peiping aide cautions Soviet on U. S. aims.

Play safe—drive carefully.

Nasser visits Syria amid border tensions.

Afghanistan to develop valley with Soviet aid.

Meter Meddler?

Salt Lake City.- Because some unknown thief has been looting money from parking meters, police asked citizens to report anyone seen tampering with the meter boxes.

Diligent citizens responded so well that one authorized meter collector was picked up for questioning three times in one day.

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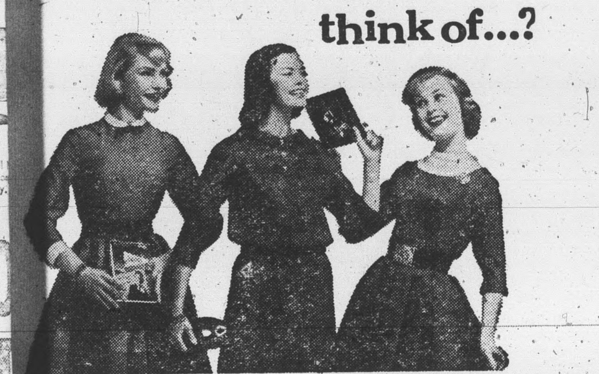

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